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Dear Friend in Christ,

Greetings from the beautiful country of Zimbabwe! This country is indeed a beautiful and wonderful place, but there are so many challenges with which to cope. For instance, the unemployment rate is 80%, and the general population is living on less than US \$1.00 a day (one dollar). The frightening reality is that the economy is on the brink of collapse. Thousands of companies have been closed down, which has resulted in hundreds of thousands of people losing their jobs.

According to the World Food Program, 72% of the country's population is currently living below poverty level. For the majority of Zimbabweans, life has become so unbearable that a huge bulk of the population, including the employed, can spend a day without a dollar in their pockets. In 1980, when Zimbabwe became an independent nation, the Zim Dollar doubled the United States Dollar and it was equivalent to the British Pound. Unfortunately, because of mismanagement and misgovernance of the country's assets and resources, Zimbabwe has been reduced from a breadbasket to a basket case.

However, in spite of all these shocking statistics and sobering statements concerning the critical condition of this country, there is still hope. There is hope in God who is in complete control of every situation and any condition. Hope for a better day and a brighter tomorrow. Hope for the 7000 orphans who live in the city of Gweru, where the House of Hope Orphanage is located. House of Hope is striving hard to do as much as possible, but with your faithful prayers and financial assistance, we can do much more. Therefore, we are counting on you to continue to stand behind us and support us as we seek to bring hope, help and healing to these precious children.

We are presently building a three-bedroom house for the eight orphans. We have completed the foundation and are presently building the walls. If you have already given to House of Hope, we are grateful for your contribution, and we are kindly asking you to continue to give so that the doors will always be open to help these dear children.

We are kindly asking you to help us build this building for these children so you can really have a vital part in their lives and in this great venture of faith. I have the privilege to preach at the Faith in Christ Baptist Church, June 11-14, of which Brother Tineyi is the pastor. The focus was on evangelism. After the sessions, we went throughout the village witnessing from house to house, giving out Gospel tracts. Many visitors came out to church, and some of them received the Lord. To Him be the glory!

So far, US \$13,695.00 has been spent for building materials and labor. The next step is the roofing, which the contractor (Bro. Banda) said would cost about US

\$3,500.00. Because you gave we were able to come this far, and we are so grateful for your generous giving.

Please pray for me as I minister the Word of God from place to place. Pray for the children of House of Hope that they will get some sponsors to pay the school fees, which is US \$80.00 per child per term. Please pray for the nation of Zimbabwe. Please pray that our Provider - Jehovah Jireh will raise up many more supporters to stand with us and to see us through with this project. May the Lord richly bless you. We look forward to your positive response.

If you plan to send money, you may send it through Western Union or Money Gram to Allinson Da Costa, Zimbabwe. You may call me at 011-263-774 953 478 or email me with the necessary information. My email address is: [dacostamissionary@gmail.com](mailto:dacostamissionary@gmail.com).

Your Missionary Servant  
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